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## ROULERS HEAVILY BOMBED

Arsenal Is Destroyed While Machine Guns Rake Regiment as It Flees Burning Building; Airdomes in Two Other Towns Destroyed

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

ONDON, Oct. 16.—England today launched its vigorous air raiding policy on military positions held by the Germans. Dozens of strategic points in Flanders and Belgium held by the enemy were visited by battalions of machines which dropped tons of explosives on them.

Roulers suffered heavily from the aerial bombardment. British aviators returning today reported that the arsenal quartering a new German regiment caught fire and was destroyed while the machine gun operators in planes flying at low altitude poured a withering fire into the ranks of the regiment as they fled from the burning building. Enormous casualties were inflicted not only here, but at Bruges, Varsenaele, Houtayre, in the last two towns airdomes being destroyed, while at Bruges the docks were heavily bombed.

All planes that took part in the raids returned safely to their bases. Two German planes were shot down, while one British patrol plane is missing.

The casualties for the week's fighting in Flanders are 14,096.

## IRON WORKS AT FRISCO SEIZED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 16.—The plant, warehouse and site of the Riedon Iron Works in South San Francisco have been commandeered by the government and added to the plant of the Union Iron Works to facilitate and hasten the construction of ships for the national shipping board. For the last 10 years the old Riedon plant has been owned by the United States Steel Corporation, which built a number of warehouses at the former plant for the storing of steel.

Following the action of the government 200 shipwrights and caulkers returned to work at the Union Iron Works, and the striking carpenters agreed to submit their demands to the international officers of their union. The carpenters then resumed work on the government emergency shipbuilding.

## BALCH NAMED ON EXEMPTION BOARD

Governor Pinkham announced today that J. A. Balch, treasurer of the Mutual Telephone Company and superintendent of the wireless department, has been named to the district exemption board to succeed Chairman F. J. Green, resigned. This announcement confirms a report printed Saturday afternoon to the effect that Mr. Balch would be the new member of the board.

## TWO U-BOATS ARE SUNK BY FRENCH

PARIS, Oct. 16.—Two enemy submarines have been destroyed in the Mediterranean, according to official announcement today. They were engaged by French warships. The sinking occurred the last week in September.

## JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY MISSION AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—The Japanese parliamentary mission, headed by Dr. T. Masao, arrived here today. The object of the mission is an investigation of economic conditions pertaining in the United States, more especially since this country's advent into the war.

## Women Hold 1,256,000 Jobs In Gt. Britain

LONDON, England, Oct. 16.—One million two hundred and fifty-six thousand women are today doing work in England which was done formerly by men who have joined the army or been set free for other forms of war service. The figures are taken from the latest official report of the industrial branch of the board of trade.

Replacement of men by women has been most successful, says the report, in government services, in banking and in transportation. In government establishments, aside from the civil service and local government, the number of women employed prior to the war was 2000, now it is 198,000. In the civil service and local government, when employees have increased by 146,000 and 124,000 men have been replaced.

## WISSER DENIES QUARTERMASTER OFFICERS TO GO

Persistent reports on the street yesterday and today that Brig.-Gen. Wissar had received an order from Washington to pick 10 men from the quartermaster reserve corps for a short training course here and then duty in France were discredited today by the general himself.

"There is absolutely nothing to it," said the officer, "not even a ground for the rumor that I can find. I heard the story myself this morning, but I have no idea where it came from."

The stories which have been afloat during the last 24 hours were that some of the city's well-known business and professional men would be chosen. Such names as W. F. Dillingham, J. F. C. Hagens, Percy Swift, Frank Thompson and A. F. Judd were mentioned as possibilities.

## URUGUAY GIVES ALLIES ACCESS TO HER PORTS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Oct. 16.—By a presidential decree, issued today, the chief executive rules that the neutrality laws do not apply to the governments of the Entente Allies, who are thus allowed free access to Uruguayan ports.

## LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

OBJECT TO CLERGY PARTICIPATING IN PARLIAMENT

PETROGRAD, Russia, Oct. 16.—At the session of the orthodox council in Moscow objection was made to permitting the clergy to participate in the constitutional parliament next month.

FORMER POSTMASTER GENERAL IS DEAD

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 16.—Former Postmaster General Don Dickinson, under the Cleveland administration, died here today.

BRITISH ARMED MERCHANT CRUISER IS SUNK

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 16.—The British armed merchant cruiser Champagne has been sunk and the mine-sweeping sloop Begonia, long overdue, has been given up as lost, according to an admiralty report issued last night. No details were given as to whether any loss of life had accrued through the sinking of the converted cruiser.

BANDITS ACTIVE SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE

MISSION, Texas, Oct. 16.—Bandits are again reported active south of the Rio Grande and a raid was made on the Mexican village of Grangeno, six miles southeast of the river.

LA FOLLETTE PROBE LIMITED TO THE ST. PAUL SPEECH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—Senator Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, chairman of the committee appointed by the committee on privileges to investigate the charges made against Senator La Follette, has denied the Wisconsin senator's request to broaden the inquiry and acquit or convict him on the charges of disloyalty. The Ohio senator holds that the probe is limited to an investigation of the now-famous St. Paul speech.

ROENITZ GETS YEAR IN PRISON AND FINE OF \$250

George Roenitz, former clerk to the commandant of the Pearl Harbor naval station, who pleaded guilty to a charge of espionage, this afternoon was sentenced by Federal Judge Poindexter to serve a year at hard labor in Oahu prison, pay a fine of \$250 and the costs of court. Roenitz declared that anything he had done was without malicious intent. "It is fortunate for you that this was not done during time of war," said the court. "You know the penalty. In your own country many persons have gone to the wall for less evidence than that found on you."

THOMAS SAFFERY GIVEN TWO YEARS IN PRISON

Thomas Saffery, who pleaded guilty to a charge of impersonating a federal officer, this afternoon was sentenced by Federal Judge Poindexter to serve not less than two years at hard labor in Oahu prison. According to the police, Saffery was the ringleader of an alleged gang of "blackmailers."

"This is an unusually despicable crime," said the court, "as it has to do with preying in the dark upon helpless women."

GALLONS OF ILLICIT LIQUOR SEIZED BY MARSHAL

Late this afternoon Marshal J. J. Smiddy arrested Hawaiian named Benjamin Makia on a charge of selling liquor to soldiers and, in a raid on Makia's home in Kakaako, secured six dozen bottles of beer, five demijohns of wine and several bottles of whiskey. Two soldiers are being held as witnesses.

## GERMANS CAPTURE ISLANDS

Russians Defending Oesel Are Defeated, While Huns Also Launch Offensive Against Peninsula Guarding Entrance to Gulf

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

PETROGRAD, Russia, Oct. 16.—Two German torpedo boats were sunk Sunday and two badly damaged by the land batteries of the Russians at Oesel. One Russian destroyer likewise was sunk. A dozen German battleships supporting the land forces were driven back.

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—The German forces are today in full possession of the main portions of the island of Oesel in the Gulf of Riga. The Russians, isolated on Sverb, are putting up a desperate resistance. So far 2,400 prisoners, 21 machine guns, 30 big guns and several airplanes have been captured.

Arenburg, the capital of Oesel island, is ablaze, and the German forces are advancing along the east coast of Oesel island. The Slav forces are retreating to Moon island. Rapid progress is being made in landing troops. German warships have silenced the land batteries on the Sverb peninsula, which is cut off from the northern part of the island. Torpedo boats have penetrated the inner waters of the channel between Oesel island and Dago island. There have been repeated engagements between the ships of the Russian navy and the torpedo boats, in an attempt to drive the Russians into Moon sound.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 16.—The Germans are gradually pushing the Russians back in their effort to capture the island of Oesel. The Germans have brought up heavy reinforcements.

An offensive has also been instituted by the Germans against the Sverb peninsula, the object being to capture the Russian batteries at Sverb protecting the entrance to the Gulf of Riga.

The Germans at Oesel now occupy Arensburg. A third group of enemy warships have been bombarding the island from the southwest. German submarines also have been observed in the Baltic sea.

German airplanes supported the attack on the island of Oesel, according to despatches from the Riga front today. Further naval movements in the Gulf of Riga were covered by long range guns of the Russians stationed on the island.

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—The Germans have occupied the Runo Abro island in the Gulf of Riga.

## Nations At War Pour Out Daily \$160,000,000

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 16.—According to an estimate made by the officials of the Mechanics' National bank today the war costs of the belligerents now reach \$160,000,000 a day, or about \$6,500,000 an hour, of which the United States is paying one quarter.

By next August the statistics estimate that a total of \$155,000,000,000 will have been expended by the nations at war, and altogether the huge total of \$3,000,000,000 men will be engaged in either active service at the front or in the many departments connected with the conduct of the war.

The total population of the entire allies is 1,033,000,000 and that of the Central Powers' alliance 350,000,000.

## JAPAN WON'T TURN SHIPS OVER TO U. S.

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, Japan, Oct. 16.—Japan will not supply the United States her shipping to be used in service in the Atlantic, as has been asked for by the United States government. "Such a thing is an impossibility," is the way Tokio puts it.

This is the most important announcement ever made since the Japanese war commission left for the United States. It is especially significant in the face of the decision by the United States government of commandeering of all American ships over 2,500 tons.

The United States government, through Viscount K. Ishii, has made, it was learned here, an appeal to Japan that the latter furnish the United States with her shipping over at least 15,000 tons to be used in the Atlantic for carrying American troops and supplies to France. This Japan seems to ignore.

Before Ishii's failure to get the United States government to lift the embargo on steel in favor of Japan became generally known, it was freely mentioned that America would be supplied with Japan's shipping in exchange for the repeal of the steel embargo. Now the embargo has to stay, hence no Japanese shipping for the Atlantic.

Whether the negotiations as to the repeal of the steel embargo and supplying of Japanese shipping have come to an end or is there still left an opportunity to reach a satisfactory agreement is a question now being asked on Ishii's delay in returning from his American mission, but no positive answer could be obtained from any government source here.

## INDEBTEDNESS ISSUE IS HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—Three million dollars of the new issue of indebtedness certificates issued by the treasury department, bearing 4 per cent interest, have been heavily oversubscribed, it was announced here today.

Treasury officials, commenting on the rush of subscribers for the new issue of Liberty bonds, confidently expect that the billion dollar mark will have been reached by tonight.

## LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE BULLETIN

"I May Not Return Your Men"

Says Uncle Sam, "and therefore under the law each must take his chances of being called to the altar of sacrifice."

"But I will return every dollar of your money and added interest besides, and I will use every dollar you lend me to protect your liberty, your life and your property; such being my purpose, what red-blooded American will hesitate to accept my word and take my bond that has never been questioned and is

"as good as gold the world over"

## SHERIFF MAY FACE LITIGATION

Appoints to Police Force Two Men Who Rated Below 70 in Civil Service Exams; Those Rating Above 70 May Contest the Appointments

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

HAT the reduction in the minimum rating grade from 70 to 60 per cent for applicants for positions in the police department, also applying to fire department applicants, was made at the direct request of Sheriff Rose, was admitted this morning by Noah Aluli, member of the civil service commission.

Following the action of the commission yesterday in reducing the minimum rating, Sheriff Rose today appointed two to the police force who failed to attain a rating of 70 in the examinations. He also appointed two men who rated over 90 in the examinations, while of the other 28 applicants who passed the tests with ratings of better than 70 not one was appointed.

The four appointees are Clement Wong, clerk, police department, whose rating was 66 per cent; Peter K. Kane, rating 61.40 per cent; Albert Merchado, appointed as driver for the detective bureau auto, and L. McCullen, patrol driver, rated in the 90's.

Kane at one time was a member of the police force, but, according to city hall attaches, was discharged for a certain offense. A story going the rounds today is that Kane was promised a position in the police department this spring by Sheriff Rose in return for his campaign services.

The men who rated above 70 in their examinations and who were sidetracked by the sheriff for those under 70 were inclined today to take the whole matter into court and test the right of the commission to reduce the rating standard to accommodate the sheriff's office. They claim that impartiality has been shown and that civil service has been made a political football.

The action of Noa Aluli and W. J. Sheldon yesterday in deciding to stand by their guns in the matter of reduction of the minimum rating brought forth harsh criticism by Edward Fogarty, member of the commission.

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## PROMINENT CHINESE HELD TO BE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY

Wong Hing Chow, Naturalized in Days of Monarchy, Refused Admittance to Territory on Ground He Is an Expatriate Because He Lived Seven Years in China

IT has been held by the immigration department that persons who were citizens of Hawaii became naturalized citizens of the United States with annexation, but one proposition, claimed by attorneys to be an unfortunate one, is that if any such naturalized citizen goes to any foreign country and stays there five years without furnishing the American consul with evidence of his desire to remain a subject of America, he then becomes "a man without a country."

## U. S. SHIP SUNK; 10 OF CREW ARE MISSING

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—It was learned today that the captain of the torpedoed Lewis Luckenbach, nine of the crew and one naval gunner are missing, and that 26 of the crew and 16 navy men had been landed safely. Their port of landing is not given in the official report of the sinking of the vessel.

## DUTCH HELPING HUN RAIDER IN Pacific, Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—That the colonial authorities of the Dutch East Indies are openly accused by British government attaches of aiding Germany in fitting out and provisioning two raiders, believed to be at present operating in South Pacific waters, is the statement of W. M. Milne, vice president of the Pacific Import and Export company of Los Angeles, who arrived at a Pacific coast port on a trans-Pacific liner today after a four months' business trip to the Dutch possessions.

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## TWO BRITISH STEAMERS ARE REPORTED SUNK

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 16.—Two British steamers, belonging to the Leyland line, the Memphis and Bostonian, are reported sunk. No news is given as to the fate of the crews.

The Memphis (6305 tons) was built at Belfast in 1908. Owned by the Leyland Steam Navigation Co. Home port, Liverpool, England.

The Bostonian (6225 tons) was built at Belfast in 1915, and was an oil burner, with all modern appliances for handling freight.

## APPEAL MADE TO SUPERIOR

Delegation Tells Hindenburg That Exacting Army Requirements Are Paralyzing Industrial Forces; Moderate Peace Advocates Growing

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 16.—German labor leaders are up in arms over the strict regulations imposed by General Ludendorff, chief of Germany's industrial mobilization. A delegation representing all labor forces have placed a petition before General Hindenburg declaring that the army requirements of Ludendorff are paralyzing labor throughout the empire.

So far no steps have been taken in the ministerial crisis brought about by the recent mutiny among the naval forces, and the consequent report that the resignation of Chancellor Michaelis would of necessity ensue before the month was out.

Neither has any action been taken on the resignation of Admiral Capelle, chief of the marine board, and none will be taken until the Kaiser returns from the Balkans, where he went to inspect the troops and conditions.

In the interim Chancellor Michaelis, too, has left Berlin and is now in those portions of Russia conquered by the Germans to study conditions in the occupied territory.

Herr Scheidemann, speaking at a Socialist convention at Warburg, Bavaria, declared that the war profiteers are investing their millions in safe securities instead of putting them back into the war loans.

Press accounts indicate that the advocates for moderate peace demands are increasing daily.

## BUSINESS OF LOCAL ALIENS MAY BE TAKEN

If President Wilson sees the necessity for issuing the proper executive order, the local property of alien Germans residing in Hawaii will be taken over and handled during the period of the war by some special agent of the government.

While certain features of the trading with the enemy act have already been made effective, no provisions have yet been made for the seizure of the properties and business of alien Germans residing within the United States, this action being left entirely to the discretion of the president.

District Attorney S. C. Huber, who yesterday gave the Star-Bulletin his interpretations of the trading with the enemy act as regards its application to Hawaii, today pointed out that the clause regarding property of alien Germans will not affect H. Hackfeld and Co. as a firm, as it is incorporated under the laws of the territory of Hawaii. But it would affect, he adds, alien Germans owning stock in the concern and residing in the territory.

It would also affect the businesses and properties of other alien Germans residing here, as someone would be appointed to take over these properties and handle them for the period of the war. Lands, rentals, interests in business, stocks, bonds and patents would all be included, he says. Alien Germans residing here and owning stock in H. Hackfeld and Co., for instance, would have their interests taken care of by a federal appointee until the termination of the war, the aim being to keep all money within the United States.

That section of the trading with the enemy act giving the president power to have the property and interests of German aliens residing in the United States taken over, reads as follows:

"Such other individuals, or body or class of individuals, who may be natives, citizens or subjects of any nation with which the United States is at war, other than citizens of the United States, wherever resident or wherever doing business, as the president, if he shall find the safety of the United States or the successful prosecution of the war shall so require, may, by proclamation, include within the term 'enemy.'"

But as far as the act has now gone into effect, District Attorney Huber points out that the property and interests in Hawaii owned by Germans residing within the United States will be taken over by the government for the period of the war.